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Libraries and SCAT offer 'Ride and Read' during National Library Week

Sarasota County libraries are joining libraries from across the country this week in celebrating National Library Week. Through Saturday, April 19, all eight Sarasota County libraries will offer children's programs, book discussions and author appearances that focus on NLW.

National Library Week, which originated in 1958, is sponsored by the American Library Association. It is a time to recognize the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries, including public, school, academic and special libraries, participate. This year's theme is "Join the Circle of Knowledge."

Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) is offering free trips to Sarasota County libraries on fixed-route buses from April 13-May 31. The ride passes, available while supplies last, may be picked up at any of the eight Sarasota County libraries through April 19.

All eight Sarasota County Libraries are served by SCAT bus routes. The libraries and routes are:

- Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood: Routes 16 and 21
- Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice: Route 9
- Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota: Route 1 and 1A
- Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota: Route 5 and 6
- North Port Library, 13800 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port: Routes 9,19 and 20/29
- North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota: Route 7
- Selby Library, 1331 First St., Sarasota: Any bus service to First St. and Lemon Avenue
- Venice Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice: Routes 13 and 24

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about National Library Week events, including free SCAT rides, or visit the Sarasota County Library System Web site at www.sclibs.net.

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